



## Titusville Morning Herald.

Wednesday, August 24, 1870.

THAT the American people sympathize with the Prussians in their war with France is beyond dispute. But it is owing to no antipathy to the French nation, but rather to a detestation of the French Emperor. His reign begun and is bound to end in blood, and the sooner it terminates the better for the liberties and progress of France. We recognize in the French, an intellectual, refined, adventurous, magnificent people. Give them a Republic or a Constitutional Monarchy, and they will vie with any people in the arts of peace, and in material triumphs. But a Napoleonic dynasty is contrary to the best spirit and interests of France. To keep up his power, Napoleon has been compelled to maintain an immense standing army, in time of peace, and to engage in wicked and wanton wars. To keep his throne, he has driven hundreds of patriots into unwilling exile. He has muzzled the press, corrupted the Legislature and played the despot generally. It is no answer to this indictment to say that Napoleon has erected many great and costly public works, and beautified Paris with palaces, parks and boulevards. It is the taxes, wrung from the people that have worked these miracles of art and industry. And the fact remains, if you look below the glittering surface of all this pomp, that Napoleon has, in less than twenty years, shed the blood of his subjects remorselessly and wantonly, devoured their substance rapaciously, debauched the press, and cheated the people with the deceitful semblance and shadow of liberty. As long as he had the power to his bidding, and could point his gun at the breasts of his minions, Napoleon could treat the patriots and grovings of his people with calumny and defiance. But the Prussian, by beating his army, has saved France from the grasp of its tyrant and the perpetuation of his Imperial power in the person of a bigoted and weakling son. For France, the nation, there is a future; but Caesarism, in its hope, has died forever, and Napoleonic ideas have received their final quiver.

## The Oil Strike in Rockland Township, Venango Co., Pa.

FOSTER STATION, A. V. R. R. August 19, 1870.

For the benefit of your readers who are interested in oil business, I send you an account of the oil business in this vicinity and its future prospects. The late oil strike in Rockland opens up almost four miles of a continuous oil belt which bids fair to be one of the most productive tracts of the oil regions, as the wells on this belt are lasting and seem almost inexhaustible. The Prentiss & Angell well is producing 80 barrels per day and improving. I have talked with many persons at a distance from this place, who told me that they had visited this locality for the purpose of producing or obtaining leases, but were informed on their arrival that Messrs. Prentiss & Angell were in possession of the principal part of the oil territory, and would neither sell or lease. But such is not the case, as much of the best territory is yet in the hands of the original owners, who are willing to sell or lease on the terms offered by Messrs. Prentiss & Angell. These owners are Messrs. Prentiss & Angell, who are themselves most successful full operators, and intend no doubt to raise a company and commence immediate operations. But this place in my opinion lacks the energy and enterprise manifested in less favorable localities in the oil regions elsewhere. But this is only a matter of time. The head of the skillful operator will soon tap the only lake beneath its surface and bring to light the sleeping wealth.

## Deaths of Hon. John P. Kennedy.

John Penikese Kennedy died at Newport on Thursday evening. He was born in Baltimore in October, 1795, and was there bred to the profession of the law, which he practiced until the year 1838. In 1839 he entered Congress and served three consecutive terms. From that time he held a prominent place in the politics of his country, and was appointed Secretary of the Navy in 1852 by President Fillmore. He was Provost of the University of Maryland from 1850 to the time of his death. He is known to literature by his works: "Swallow Barn," "A Sojourn in the Old Dominion," "Horseback Robinson," "Rob of the Bowl," "Quod Libet," "Memoirs of the Life of William Pitt, late Attorney General of the United States," etc.

## State News.

There were 376 deaths in Philadelphia last week, a decrease of 30 from the number reported the week previous.

Over twenty thousand persons used the public bath in Philadelphia last week.

By request of a number of the friends of Mr. Stevens and with the approbation of his executors, it has been determined to hold a public meeting at the Court House in Philadelphia on Wednesday, September 1, 1870, at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking such steps as are necessary to secure the release of Mr. Stevens from the Lincoln University, to the hands of the Thaddeus Stevens Professorship. This is urged by his many friends to be a fitting monument to his memory, and one which would meet the approval of the Lincoln University will be represented by Dr. Randall and Dr. Dick, General Gregory and others.

On Thursday last George W. Walker, of Lewis county, was killed by a freight train at Chickadee, near Center county. Deceased was a school teacher, and was on a journey on a canal boat for recreation. He had left the locks at Chickadee on Wednesday, and the railroad track to get to his boat below.

In the last ten years there have been created in Philadelphia thirty thousand brick buildings, of which twenty-three thousand nine hundred and thirty were dwelling houses, five hundred and forty-five were stores, five hundred and thirty-four factories, and fifty-four foundries.

A man named Melinger, belonging to Easton, committed suicide at a farm house near Wheeling, W. Va., on Saturday by taking lead.

It is thought that the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad will be completed by the end of the year.

A young man named Erasmus Bush was killed in Cumberland county on Wednesday last, by being run over by a wagon.

There are twenty silk factories in Philadelphia, employing some 1,000 women and children, and an invested capital of not far from \$1,000,000.

There are three thousand and twelve paupers in the Philadelphia almshouse, mostly sent there by King Alcohol.

The Republican Senatorial Conferences of the Western District met Friday at Williamsport, and nominated Henry Johnson as the candidate of the party for Senator. Mr. Johnson has already been a Senator, and is a man of experience and ability.

## BY TELEGRAPH

Associated Press Reports

By the Western Union Line.

## RUMORED FRENCH SUCCESS

Junction of the German Armies.

Mediation Certain.

BOMBARDMENT OF TOUL.

Prussians Withdrawing from Paris.

COMMITTEE OF SAFETY APPOINTED.

Favorable News from Bazaine.

PRINCE NAPOLEON CENSURED.

Response to the French Loan.

Bazaine Reinforced.

INTERFERENCE OF NAPOLEON.

French to Remain at Metz.

CHALONS AND PARIS COMMUNICATIONS INTERRUPTED.

Terms of Prussia.

BAVARIA FORBIDS THE PAL DOGMA.

The Situation.

A special to the Courier des Eux Unis, dated Paris, August 23d, says: Preparations are making for a coming all along the line. Paris is virtually in a state of siege, and everyone accepts this part of the situation. It is generally conceded that the Prussians will be able to hold out for a week, and we are able to do so against an enemy devoid of material resources. The Prussians are not coming to the succor of the capital, and will severely annoy its besiegers. A question of confidence was thus raised among the Prussians, they need not count upon it, for at this time it would be difficult to restrain the summary vengeance of the people upon any individual convicted of having visited this morning the fortification between Neuilly and Antilles. An army of workmen, assisted by the Gardes Mobiles and men of the military divisions, were at work cutting down the Bois de Boulogne, as far as the lakes. Bunkers are supplied with mortar batteries, and cannon of very heavy calibre have been hoisted on the ramparts, and across the roads drawbridges have been thrown on the side of Coudy, toward Passy and Auteuil. A large number of men have been sent to the fortifications, and the Prussians are pushing with still greater energy. An entrenched camp has been established in the Plain of St. Maurice, which commands the passage of the Seine. The inhabitants of all surrounding localities have abandoned their houses and taken refuge in Paris. As for the really effective force of troops to whom our defense is committed, estimate upon authentic data in the neighborhood of 220,000 men, of which 150,000 are of the regular army, 50,000 municipal guards and Gen-darmes, 10,000 sailors and marines, 10,000 Guards, Firemen, etc., with this effective force, and provisions in abundance, we can hold the enemy in check for some days.

News from the army of the Moselle is always scarce. What I am permitted to send you is in substance this: Bazaine has been in the city of Metz for several days, and has been seen by the Prussians. The battle fought at Jommet had no other result. Bazaine is greatly strengthened by the reinforcements he has received, and the line of retreat by the Prussians is now in the hands of the Prussians. He is doubtless by the same route receive reinforcements, and has reason to believe that the Prussians are not yet at the Châlons set out for that destination yesterday morning. The enemy's army around Metz has always been superior in numbers, but it has been so far from being invincible for the present of resisting. The feeble reinforcement which it has received are composed of landwehr and of levies from the Prussian provinces, and there is a marked advantage in favor of our troops at Châlons who defend the soil of their country from the invader.

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Another special dispatch from Paris says: Bazaine was yesterday at Metz. He has the north and centre open to him, and he is confident of victory. The Prussians have sent a thrill of horror throughout Germany and recruits are only to be had with great difficulty. The Prussians are not expected to be able to take the offensive, and it is given out on high authority that Bazaine is reinforced from Châlons for the purpose of giving battle to the enemy near Metz. He is confident of victory, when he will march on the army of the Crown Prince and rescue Paris. Reports have reached London of a French victory.

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## The French gunboats now operating on the Rhine have been recalled to the Seine.

This morning's Opinion Nationale, under the caption of "Le Coup de main," contains a guarantee that the minimum yearly postal receipts shall reach three million francs.

## Bismarck's Son Wounded.

Robert Bismarck, one of the sons of the Prussian Prime Minister, was wounded in the foot and his brother William had his horse killed under him.

The Standard's correspondent is confident Paris will be defended even if bombardment takes place.

The Post is authorized to deny the letter published yesterday, said to have been written by Queen Victoria to the Emperor. The price proposed by the Prussian government for the capture of the first French gun has been awarded to a sergeant of the Prussian Fifth, the Goultlières.

A letter from Baden, published here today, says the French peasants are so fatigued as to perish in wells.

An Alsace correspondent of the Daily News writes that the 15th of the 15th French were hung back on St. Quentin and Gravelotte villages, in the neighborhood of Metz, where the hostilities of the last week have occurred.

The war news in the London morning papers is meagre. The bombardment of Toul has been commenced. The Emperor's headquarters are at Châlons. Mr. McMahon's headquarters are at Contances.

## Prussian Frigate Captured.

The following dispatch has just been received from Alexandria: The Prussian frigate Herta, carrying 28 guns, was captured by the French. No particulars given.

## Crown Prince Withdrawing.



